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SUBJECT: REGULATION AFFECTING FABRIC EXPORTS

 $1. \ REQUEST\ THAT\ POSTS\ INVESTIGATE\ REPORT\ FROM\ LEADING\ U.S.$

EXPORTER THAT AMERICAN FABRICS "ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER"

EAST EUROPE.

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2. U.S. EXPORTER STATES THAT, IN LAST YEAR OR TWO, INCREASING NUMBER OF LARGE CUSTOMERS IN WEST EUROPE HAVE STOPPED BUYING U.S. FABRICS BECAUSE THEY HAVE MOVED THEIR GARMENT PRODUCTION FROM WEST TO EAST EUROPE. THESE CUSTOMERS LOCATED PRIMARILY IN UNITED KINGDOM AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. U.S. FIRM CLAIMS THAT AMERICAN FABRICS ARE NOT BEING ALLOWED INTO EAST EUROPE, WHEREAS FABRICS MADE IN WEST EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE ENTER EAST EUROPE FREELY FOR ASSEMBLY AND EXPORT. FIRM LISTED POLAND, HUNGARY, AND ROMANIA AS EXAMPLES OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHERE PROBLEM OCCURS.

3. IS THIS PROBLEM DUE TO COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN WEST AND EAST EUROPEANS? IF SO, PLEASE SEND ANY AVAILABLE DETAILS SOONEST. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ANY OTHER REGULATIONS, WHETHER TARIFF OR NON-TARIFF, WHICH MIGHT DISCOURAGE THESE CUSTOMERS FROM USING U.S. FABRICS. SISCO

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